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ABSTRACT

5       An apparatus associated with a device connected to a data  
loop processes data received from the data loop to determine  
whether data from the data loop is to be routed back to the  
data loop. The apparatus may determine how to route data  
based on an analysis of whether the device is authorized to  
participate in a conversation currently associated with the  
10   data loop. Thus, latency otherwise imparted by the device  
when the device processes the data may be avoided.

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